



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

January 2023 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

REYES LEON MEZA,

Defendant.

ED CR No. 5:23-cr-00236-JGB

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[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b) (1) (C): Distribution of
Fentanyl Resulting in Death;
21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),
(b) (1) (A) (vi): Possession with
Intent to Distribute Fentanyl;
21 U.S.C. § 853: Criminal
Forfeiture]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b) (1) (C)]

On or about August 16, 2023, in San Bernardino County, within
the Central District of California, defendant REYES LEON MEZA
knowingly and intentionally distributed N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-
phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II
narcotic drug controlled substance, the use of which resulted in the
death and serious bodily injury of victim J.Z.

1 COUNT TWO

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(vi)]

3 On or about November 8, 2023, in Riverside County, within the
4 Central District of California, defendant REYES LEON MEZA knowingly
5 and intentionally possessed with intent to distribute at least 400
6 grams, that is, approximately 1,631 grams, of a mixture and substance
7 containing a detectable amount of N-phenyl-N-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-
8 piperidinyl] propanamide ("fentanyl"), a Schedule II narcotic drug
9 controlled substance.

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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

2 [21 U.S.C. § 853]

3 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
4 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America
5 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21,
6 United States Code, Section 853, in the event of the defendant's
7 conviction of the offenses set forth in either of Counts One and Two
8 of this Indictment.

9 2. The defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit to the United
10 States of America the following:

11 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
12 real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which
13 the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from any such
14 offense;

15 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
16 real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or
17 part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of any such offense;
18 and

19 (c) To the extent such property is not available for
20 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property
21 described in subparagraphs (a) and (b).

22 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),
23 the defendant, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if,
24 by any act or omission of the defendant, the property described in
25 the preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be
26 located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred,
27 sold to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond
28 the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished

1 in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot
2 be divided without difficulty.

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4 A TRUE BILL
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6 /s/
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